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For: STEEL PRODUCT FOR USE AS LINE PIPE HAVING HIGH HIC RESISTANCE
AND LINE PIPE PRODUCED USING SUCH STEEL PRODUCT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Applicants respectfully submit that each item contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication dated May 23, 2008 from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, therefore, no fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,
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